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Supreme Court of the United States

ESTATE OF PATRICIA B. WARD,
JOSEPH M. WARD
Petitioners

vs.

TRANS UNION, LLC,
Respondent

On Petition For A Writ of Certiorari To The United States Court of Appeals For The Fourth Circuit

PETITIONERS' SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF

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COME NOW the Petitioners and file this Supplemental Brief. The Unpublished Opinion of the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, which was inadvertently omitted from the Petitioners' Petition For A Writ of Certiorari addressed to this Court and later authorized by the Clerk's office to be filed not later than September 6, 2009 in a supplemental brief follows:

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UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 07-1971

THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA BLALOCK WARD;
JOSEPH M. WARD,

Plaintiffs - Appellants,

v.

TRANS UNION CORPORATION,

Defendant - Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, at Greenville. David W. Daniel, Magistrate Judge. (4:04-cv-00088-DAN)

Submitted: January 26, 2009 Decided: February 17, 2009

Before WILKINSON, NIEMEYER, AND SHEDD, Circuit Judges.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

The Estate of Patricia Blalock Ward, Joseph M. Ward, Appellants Pro Se. Paul L. Myers, STRASBURGER & PRICE, LLP, Frisco, Texas; Joseph Walter Williford, YOUNG, MOORE & HENDERSON, PA, Raleigh, North Carolina, for Appellee.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

The Estate of Patricia Blalock Ward and Joseph M. Ward appeal the district court's judgment in favor

of Trans Union Corporation on Appellants' claims under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681 -1681 (u) (2006), and state law claims for defamation, interference with contractual relations, and false light invasion of privacy. We have reviewed the record and find no reversible error. Accordingly, we affirm the district court's judgment. See Estate of Ward v. Trans Union Corp., No. 4:04-cv-00088-DAN (E.D.N.C. Aug. 30, 2007). We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

AFFIRMED

An article by Carl Tobias, Williams Professor of Law at the University of Richmond, published on the editorial page of the Raleigh, NC News & Observer on August 9, 2009, states in part as follows:

"Chief Judge Karen Williams' unfortunate retirement due to illness means that there are now openings in five of the 15 judgeships authorized for the 4th Circuit, which is the court of last resort for all but 1 percent of cases from North Carolina, Maryland, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. Having a third of the positions vacant is significant because the openings can impede justice's delivery. Of the 12 regional circuits, the Richmond based tribunal affords the smallest percentage of oral arguments and published opinions, which are valuable yardsticks of appellate justice. However, the court does resolve appeals most quickly."

The Petitioners respectfully submit that the quality of the resolution of appellate cases often does not correlate with the quickness of resolution, especially with the 4th Circuit having 5 vacant judgeships.

Respectfully submitted, this the 15th day of August, 2009.

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